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## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc.

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AND OIL BOARD

RELIEF SOUGHT EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE SPACING

LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY

VA. CODE § 45.1-361.17 (a) (2)

FOR WELL NO. 900032

DOCKET NO.

VGOB-11-0816-2983

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DRILLING UNIT SERVED BY WELL
NUMBERED 900032
TO BE DRILLED IN THE LOCATION
DEPICTED ON EXHIBIT A HERETO,
Joseph Colley Tract
266.93 Acres, more or less
HAYIS QUADRANGLE
SANDLICK DISTRICT
DICKENSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
(the "Subject Lands" are more particularly described on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof)

## REPORT OF THE BOARD

## FINDINGS AND ORDER

- 1. <u>Hearing Date and Place</u>: This matter came on for hearing before the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereafter "Board") at **9:00 a.m.** on **August 16, 2011** at the Russell County Conference Center, Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia.
- Appearances: <u>Timothy E. Scott of McKinnis & Scott</u>, appeared for the Applicant, Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. ("Range").
- 3. <u>Jurisdiction and Notice</u>: Pursuant to Va. Code §§ 45.1-361.1 *et seq.*, the Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter. Based upon the evidence presented by Applicant, the Board also finds that the Applicant has (1) exercised due diligence in conducting a meaningful search of reasonably available sources to determine the identity and whereabouts of each gas and oil owner, coal owner, or mineral owner having an interest in Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of Subject Lands; and (2) represented to the Board that it has given notice to those parties (hereafter sometimes "person(s)" whether referring to individuals, corporations, partnerships associations, companies, businesses, trusts, joint ventures or other legal entities) entitled by Va. Code § 45.1-361.19 to notice of this application. Further, the Board has caused notice of this hearing to be published as required by Va. Code § 45.1-361.19.B. Whereupon, the

Board hereby finds that the notices given herein satisfy all statutory requirements, Board rule requirements and the minimum standards of state due process.

- 4. <u>Amendments</u>: None.
- Dismissals: None.
- Relief Requested: Applicant requests an exception to the statewide spacing limitations set forth in Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for Well No. 900032.
- Relief Granted: The requested relief in this cause shall be and hereby is granted. The Board hereby grants Applicant consent to permit and drill proposed Well No. 900032 which is 2,414 feet from existing Range Well No. 821610; and, 2,092 feet from proposed Range Well No. 809757 at the location depicted on the Plat attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Special Findings: The Board specifically and specially finds:
  - 6.1 Applicant is **Range Resources-Pine Mountain**, **Inc**. Applicant is duly authorized and qualified to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
  - 6.2 Applicant Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. is an operator in the Commonwealth of Virginia and has satisfied the Board's requirements for operations in Virginia;
  - Applicant claims ownership of Conventional Gas Leases of Subject Drilling Unit and the right to explore for, develop and produce Gas from Well No. <u>900032</u> as well as the right to participate and develop the reciprocal wells, being Range Well Nos. 821610 and 809757;
  - The proposed Well No. 900032 is located on the Joseph Colley Tract containing 266.93 acres and the surface, coal, gas and oil owners have consented to the proposed location for Well No. 900032 that is depicted on the Plat attached hereto as Exhibit A;
  - 6.5 The Applicant testified it has the right to operate and participate in the development of the reciprocal **Range Well Nos. 821610 and 809757** and that the granting of the application filed herein will not impact the correlative rights of any person;
  - An exception to the well spacing requirements of Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for Well No. 900032 is necessary to efficiently drain a portion of the common sources of supply (reservoir) underlying Subject Drilling Unit, and the Board's granting of the requested location exception is in the best interest of preventing the waste of 325 million cubic feet of Conventional Gas underlying the Subject Drilling Unit, and to generally effect the purposes of the Virginia and Oil Act;
  - Applicant proposes the drilling of Well No. <u>900032</u> to a depth of <u>5,777</u> feet on the Subject Drilling Unit at the location depicted on Exhibit A to produce all the Mississippian and Devonian Age formations including, but not limited to, <u>Ravencliff</u>, <u>Maxon</u>, <u>Big Lime</u>, <u>Weir</u>, <u>Berea</u> and <u>Devonian Shale</u>, from surface to total depth drilled, <u>5,777</u> feet ("Subject Formations");

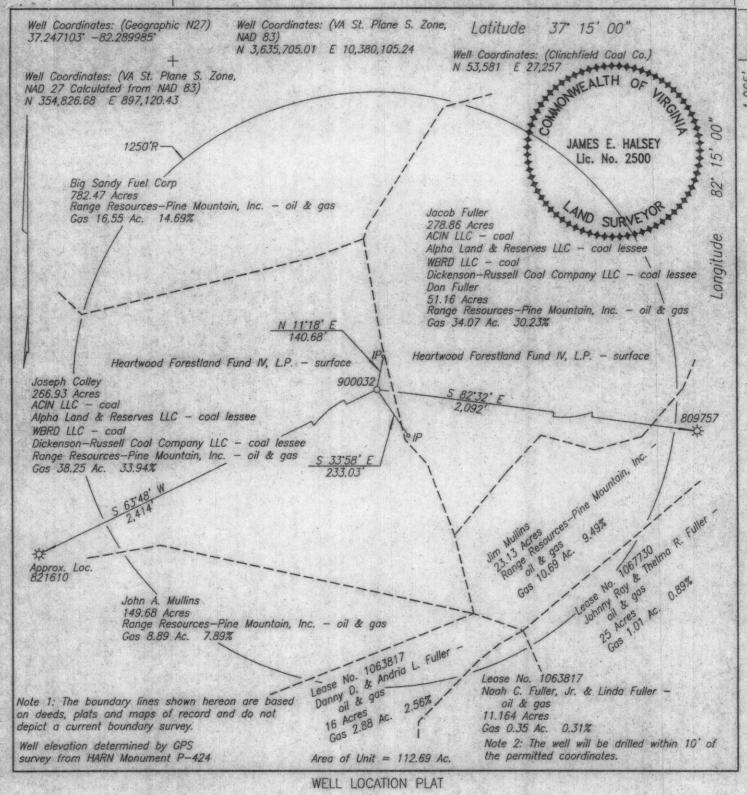
- 6.8 Applicant proposes to drill Well No. 900032 a distance of 86 feet closer to existing Range Well No. 821610; and 408 feet closer to Range propose Well No. 809757 than the 2500 feet mandated by statewide spacing;
- 6.9 Applicant proposes to complete and operate <u>Well No. 900032</u> for the purpose of producing Conventional Gas;
- 7. <u>Conclusion</u>: Therefore, the requested relief and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.
- 8. Appeals: Appeals of this Order are governed by the provisions of Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.9 which provides that any order or decision of the Board may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court. Such appeals must be taken in the manner prescribed in the Administrative Process Act, Va. Code Ann. § 9-6.14:1 et seq. and Rule 2A of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court.
- Effective Date: This Order shall be effective as of the date of the Board's approval of this Application, which is set forth at Paragraph 1 above.

DONE AND EXECUTED this
Board. DONE AND PERFORMED this 26th day of August, 201, by Order of this
Rick Cooper Principal Executive to the Staff Virginia Gas and Oil Board
STATE OF VIRGINIA ) COUNTY OF RUSSELL )
Acknowledged on this day of, 2011, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Bradley C. Lambert, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, and appeared Rick Cooper, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Principal Executive to the Staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that they executed the same and were authorized to do so.
Diane J. Davís, Notary

My commission expires: September 30, 2013

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COMPANY Range Resources	-Pine Mountain, Inc.	WELL NAME AND NUMBER 900	032
		8' QUADRANGLE Haysi	
COUNTY Dickenson	_ DISTRICT _Sandlick	$SCALE 1" = 400' DATE _$	6-30-2011
This Plat is a new plat _x_	.; an updated plat; or	a final location plat	
+ Denotes the location of 24,000, latitude and lo	f a well on United States ongitude lines being represe	topographic Maps, scale 1 to ented by border lines as shown	EXHIBIT

Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor

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